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In re Patent Application of:  
Richard H. Lane

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For: METHOD OF PATTERNING NOBLE  
METALS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICES BY ELECTROPOLISHING

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

On page 2, before "Field of Invention," please insert --This application is a  
divisional of application Serial No. 09/639,089, filed on August 16, 2000, which is  
incorporated herein by reference.--

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-28.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The specification has been amended to include a reference to prior application Serial No. 09/639,089, filed on August 16, 2000, as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2).

Claims 1-28 have been canceled. The pending application now contains claims 29-54.

Allowance of the application is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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